from his office one Monday in each month: *Provided* the same is not a first Monday of the month: *And provided further*, that he leave a competent deputy in his office to transact the duties thereof.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times, and ratified this 2nd day of March, A. D. 1903.

CHAPTER 286.

AN ACT TO PROTECT GAME IN GASTON COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Close season

SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person to net, trap, take, catch or in any manner destroy any quail or partridges between the tenth day of January and the first day of December in any year.

Unlawful to hunt on land without permission of owner.
Prima facie evidence.

SEC. 2. That it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt any game upon the lands of another without permission of the landowner, and if any person shall go upon the land of another with a gun, or dog, it shall be *prima facie* evidence that such person is hunting within the meaning of this act.

Applicable only to Gaston County.
Violation of this act a misdemeanor.
Penalty.

SEC. 3. That this act shall only apply to the county of Gaston.

SEC. 4. That any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not more than fifty dollars, or imprisoned not more than thirty days.

Conflicting laws repealed.

SEC. 5. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 6. That this act shall be in effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times, and ratified this 2nd day of March, A. D. 1903.

CHAPTER 287.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE A FUND FOR IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC ROADS IN HYDE COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

County commissioners to appropriate $500.

SECTION 1. That the Board of Commissioners of Hyde County shall on the first Monday in June, 1904, and every year thereafter, set aside and appropriate, out of any special taxes now